

Would you like to go someplace you have never been? Most people would go to other countries I assume. They probably say, "Wow! I want to go to Rome." Unlike other people, I believe there is a lot to do in the United States. I think about it. Have you ever left your home or neighboring states? I haven't! Because I haven't left many states, I would like to visit northern Nevada.

You're probably thinking what a boring place northern Nevada would be. On the contrary, I learned something about Nevada that makes me want to visit. From books and internet I have learned that you can spot mustangs in Northern Nevada. So since I love to study mustangs, of course, I'd want to go there!

Have you ever been around so many houses or cars that you just wish you could leave? That is another reason to go to northern Nevada. If you are like me, you would probably just leave cars behind! Just think of what you could do in open country for a week or two. Do you think many people would enjoy this?

I like to dream of where I'll be when I grow up. Do you like to dream like this?

If you do you probably have an idea on where you want to live. Can you see? There is another reason I like northern Nevada. I think of having a small ranch in Nevada where you could see the Rocky Mountains. I'd love it! It would do anyone good to have fresh air. Someday I wouldn't mind living in Nevada.

Well, of course, Nevada has its weaknesses. What place doesn't? I'm sure it has to be terribly cold in the winter, but that is what they make coats for. Don't worry. I won't be broken down if I never get to see the northern lands of Nevada. Try to remember anything can happen!

Score Point: 5

This response reflects a strong degree of proficiency in expository writing skills. The writer selects Nevada as a place to visit and develops key reasons to support this choice (to see mustangs, to leave cars behind, and to one day live there). The writer employs questions, contrasts, and comparisons to engage the reader. The response is generally well organized. The writer displays facility in the use of language and some syntactic variety (I assume, on the contrary, and I'm sure it has to be terribly cold). Further development would be required for a higher score.

